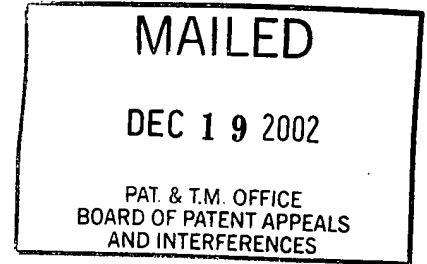


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

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Ex parte RONALD A. KATZ  
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Application No. 08/407,064



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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER  
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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 18, 2002. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On April 24, 1996 and February 5, 2001, appellant filed Information Disclosure Statements (Paper Nos. 8 and 29). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the Information Disclosure Statements submitted or whether the examiner notified appellant of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements (Paper Nos. 8 and 29); 2) appropriate notification by the examiner to appellant of such consideration; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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